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LOK SABHA

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SCIENTIFIC VALIDITY OF INDIAN SYSTEMS OF MEDICINE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a new scheme to check the scientific validity of the conventional Indian Systems of Medicine ;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the funds likely to be provided for the said scheme ; and

(d) the time by which the scheme is likely to be formulated?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of AYUSH has introduced a Scheme for extra-mural research (EMR) in addition to the intra-mural research undertaken by four Research Councils for Ayurveda & Siddha, Unani, Homoeopathy, Yoga & Naturopathy set up by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare three decades ago. In the present scenario, there is intense competition from other Countries in the trade of herbal products. A new component of Golden Triangle Partnership (GTP) Scheme in the existing Extra Mural Research Scheme has been added to set up an integrated technology mission for scientific validation of classical AYUSH products and preparation of new drugs based on research & development for the identified disease conditions. Three apex organizations viz Department of AYUSH/Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha (CCRAS), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) have joined hands together for this GTP Scheme.

(c) & (d) Research and Development for standardization of existing AYUSH medicines and development of new AYUSH medicines is a continuing activity. A budget provision of Rs.15.00 crore was made in 2005 - 06.
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